

**CANONICAL CHANGES
PRESENTED TO THE 116TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

Canon 1.1, Sec 6 (d): “It shall be the duty of the Committee on Constitution and Canons to examine all proposals submitted to it for legality, consistency, and practicality, and to make recommendations accordingly. The Committee shall also have the power to initiate and recommend proposals for amendments or additions to the Constitution and Canons.”

The following proposed changes to the Canons of the Diocese of Oregon are offered to the 116th Diocesan Convention for action.

PROPOSAL 1. To amend Canon 3.9 by adding underlined matter and by deleting ~~matter that has been crossed out~~. Proposed by the Commission on Ministry.

**CANON 3.9
OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Sec. 1. A permanent Commission consisting of 15 persons, appointed by the Bishop, subject to confirmation by the Convention, shall constitute the Commission on Ministry, for the administration of such affairs as shall appear in the following sections. In the even-numbered years, two ~~Members of the Clergy~~ Priests, or if any, Deacons, and one Lay Person shall be appointed for five-year terms. In the odd-numbered years, two Lay Persons and one ~~Member of the Clergy~~ Priest, or if any, Deacon, shall be appointed for five-year terms. Such appointments shall be made so that there shall be at least one Priest, and if any, one Deacon, on the Commission at all times. No member of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointment after having served a full five-year term until the expiration of one year. Vacancies occurring between annual Conventions shall be filled by election of the Commission from nominees presented by the Bishop. Members so elected shall serve the remainder of the term of the members they replace, provided their elections are confirmed at the next annual Convention. If not so confirmed, the Bishop shall appoint another person to complete the term, subject to confirmation by the Convention. In addition the 15 members, the Bishop may also appoint the Dean of the Center for the Diaconate and a staff liaison person as members of the Commission without vote.

Sec. 3 (c). The Commission shall provide for the conduct of those canonical examinations assigned it by General Convention Canons. The Bishop may appoint the persons who are to conduct the examinations. ~~A report of each examination shall be forwarded to the General Convention’s Board for Theological Education.~~

Sec. 3 (d). Under the guidance and oversight, ~~and in the presence~~ of the Bishop, the Commission shall interview each Candidate before ordination to the Diaconate, and at its discretion, before ordination to the Priesthood, to ascertain the Candidate’s personal readiness for such ordination, and shall report, in writing and without delay, the findings of the interview to the Bishop and the Standing Committee.

The proposal passed the Committee on Constitution and Canons' Canon 1.1 examination.
Recommend: DO PASS.

PROPOSAL 2. To amend Canon 5.2, Sec. 6 by adding underlined matter and by deleting ~~matter that has been crossed out.~~ Proposed by the Board of Trustees.

CANON 5.2
OF THE DIOCESAN PROGRAM FUND

Sec. 6. Each Parish and Mission of this Diocese shall send to the Treasurer of the Diocese a statement of the previous month's General Purpose Income and its Diocesan Program Assessment payment not later than the 15th of each month, and if not so paid, such Parish or Mission shall be delinquent. If a congregation's Program Assessment is more than two months delinquent, the Bishop shall provide such counsel to the congregation as the Bishop deems advisable. The Diocesan Council, with the consent of the Bishop, may cancel all or part of the Assessments delinquent for longer than two years and forgive the filing of all or part of delinquent required statements of General Purpose Income.

The proposal passed the Committee on Constitution and Canons' Canon 1.1 examination.
Recommend: DO PASS.

Proposal 3. To amend Canon 5.4 by adding underlined matter and by deleting ~~matter that has been crossed out.~~ Proposed by the Clergy of the Columbia Convocation.

CANON 5.4
OF CANONICAL OFFERINGS

Sec. 1. ~~The offerings taken in each Parish and Mission, on the occasion of the annual visitation of the Bishop;~~ The offering, on the occasion of the regular episcopal visitation of the Bishop, in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese and paid into the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to be used in assisting persons preparing for the Ordained Ministry or for emergencies for which other funds are not available.

Sec. 2. Each Parish and Mission shall designate at least 1% of its budget for theological education and transmit such sum to the Treasurer of the Diocese. In Lieu of such payment each Parish and Mission shall take up a special offering for theological education on ~~An offering shall be taken in each Parish and Mission upon~~ the Sunday closest to the Conversion of St. Paul's the Apostle Day (January 25) (unless some other Sunday is appointed by the Vestry of the Parish or the Vicar of the Mission.) ~~For theological education, and the money so received, not designated for other purposes~~ The offering, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be forwarded to the Seminary of the Church designated by the Priest in Charge of the Parish or Mission.

Sec. 3. ~~An offering shall be taken in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese upon~~ The offering in conjunction with Thanksgiving Day, in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese. The offering shall be used as designated by Diocesan Council.

Sec. 4. ~~An offering shall be taken in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese upon~~ The offering on Pentecost Sunday, in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese. The offering shall be used as designated by Diocesan Council.

The proposal passed the Committee on Constitution and Canons' Canon 1.1 examination.
Recommend: DO PASS.